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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application: Thompson et al.  
Serial No.: 09/576,462  
Filed: May 23, 2000  
Art Unit: 3621  
Examiner: James A. Reagan  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING  
IMPORT/EXPORT TRANSACTIONS

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 8, 2003 (Paper No. 16), with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 8, 2003, and extended to September 8, 2003 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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